

Bumtfork Wyoming
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Dear Sir:

As members of the lower Bumtfork Water Users Association, we feel that we should bring to your attention the recent attempt of Mr. H. C. Jensen to divert the water of the east branch of Bumtfork to the west branch and so change the original channel of the stream.

This cut in the stream, across which he has built a solid dam, would allow the high water in spring to cut through deep soil for a distance of about a hundred feet to the west branch of Bumtfork. This diversion would cause such damage that several weeks of work would be required to put the stream back in its original channel.

If the water remained in the west branch,

seven ditches, part of them with territorial rights, would be without water, as it is impossible to take water out of the west branch at any point below the diversion.

This man has been a continual source of aggravation both to the water users and to the district commissioners whose authority he has always defied.

In 1922 he took a ditch out of Burnt Fork without a permit and still uses water out of it. He refuses to respect any priorities in either state and has gone up the length of the stream tearing out dams and cutting ditches. In 1936 he was arrested for cutting ditches by Owen Bullock, water commissioner for Utah in this district.

We are sending in this same complaint to the Wyoming engineer, as we feel that while we people are helpless to handle this matter alone, the two state offices working with the district commissioners, will be able to settle this matter satisfactorily and stop this law breaking.

Will you let us know your decision in this matter and in what way we can help to carry out your decision?

yours respectfully,

Signed
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